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Dear Sir:

In November of 2001 I sent a Patent Application that was received and logged in on November 9 under the US Application Serial Number 09 985 989.

Unfortunately the confirmation of arrival never arrived so that I had no way to trace the status of this Application. Fortunately, due to the kind intervention of a colleague in the US I now have the identifying number.

In the Information Booklet about the US Patent Office procedures there is an indication that the usual time for the issue of a First official Action is from 4 to 5 months and over a year has now passed.

Therefore, please be so kind as to inform me on the present state of this application and also what can I do to follow up its future developments.

Thanking you in advance I will be looking forward to your early news.

Yours very truly

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